

MINUTES OF MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL

DATE: 8 May 2012

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Conference Room A
Department of Administration

ATTENDANCE:

Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Victoria Almeida, Esq. (Chair)	X		
Raymond C. Coia, Esq.			X
John X. Donahue	X		
Joseph L. Dowling, MD	X		
Wallace Gernt			X
Maria R. Gil (Secretary)	X		
Catherine E. Graziano, RN, PhD	X		
Robert Hamel, RN	X		
Theresa Jeremiah	X		
Amy Lapierre	X		
Steven Lonardo	X		
Thomas M. Madden, Esq.	X		
Daniel Orgel, MPA	X		
Denise Panichas	X		
Robert Ricci		X	
Reverend Shire (Vice-Chair)	X		
Robert Whiteside		X	

Staff: Valentina D. Adamova, MBA, Michael K. Dexter, MPA, Joseph G. Miller, Esq., Stephen Morris, Esq.

Public: (Attached)

1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Conflict of Interest Forms and Time Extension for the Minutes Availability.

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 PM. Minutes of the Health Services Council meeting of 1 May 2012 were adopted as submitted. The Chair noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. A motion was made and passed by a vote thirteen in favor and none opposed (13-0) that the availability of the minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Donahue, Dowling, Gil, Graziano, Hamel, Jeremiah, Lapierre, Lonardo, Madden, Orgel, Panichas, Shire.

2. General Order of Business

The next item on the agenda was the *Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the applications of Steward Health Care System, LLC for changes in effective control of: Landmark Medical Center and Rehabilitation Hospital of Rhode Island.* Staff summarized the application and deliberations of the Committee on this matter.

Michael Kraten, PhD, CPA, President of Enterprise Management Corporation, financial consultant to the Department of Health, made a presentation regarding Steward Health Care System, LLC based on the information in the partial FY 2012 unaudited financial statements. He noted lack of information in some of the statements, and that the net worth dropped from \$123 million to \$101 million. Representatives of Steward addressed the comments of Mr. Kraten and answered questions of the Committee.

Dr. Dowling discussed the impact of the proposal on the healthcare system and noted that with a 40% of hospital beds empty the Health Services Council should reconsider the recommendation of approval.

Mr. Russo, representing 21st Century Oncology, noted that there have been no substantive discussions between his client and Steward.

A motion was made by Mr. Madden, seconded by Ms. Panichas and passed by a vote of twelve in favor and one opposed (12-1) to recommend that the applications be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor included: Almeida, Donahue, Gil, Graziano, Hamel, Jeremiah, Lapierre, Lonardo, Madden, Orgel, Panichas, Shire. Those members opposing included: Dowling.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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(Acting) Chief Health Program Evaluator